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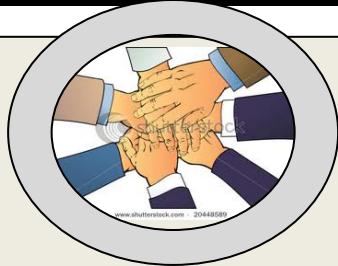
Woodland Hills

NEWSLETTER



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2019 Woodland Hills Pool Season

Saturday, May 25, 2019 through Labor Day, September 2, 2019



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| HOURS: | During MCPS school days: | 4-8 PM |
| | Saturday and Sunday: | Noon – 8 PM |
| | Weekdays (CLOSED Tuesdays): | Noon – 8 PM |
| | July 4 and Labor Day: | Noon – 8 PM |

The Woodland Hills Pool is scheduled to open the 2019 season on May 25. **New this year**, the Woodland Hills Pool will be open to ALL residents the first two weeks after opening day, May 25.

No Pool Pass? No problem.

Even if you do not have a Pool Pass, and your home is holding an architectural violation, your family will be welcome to enjoy the pool until June 9. You will be asked for your address at the entrance.

After June 9, only residents holding the 2019 Pool Pass will be allowed to enter the pool area.

Spring gutter cleaning will be offered by North Landscaping for \$30 and is scheduled for Friday May 31, with a June 7 raindate. Leave checks (with addresses noted) at 314 Wye Mill Court. Watch Listserv for the notice.

Place bulk recyclables out no sooner than the night before our scheduled pickup day

Residents are reminded that bulk recyclable materials should be placed no sooner than the night before our scheduled ***monthly*** pickup day on the first Tuesday of each month.

Residents who dump unwanted household goods, furniture, paint, etc., detract from the beauty of the community. As well, the HOA incurs additional unbudgeted costs in order to clean up these dump sites.

Violators will be reported to the City of Gaithersburg and face possible citation and up to a \$500 fine.

For a full description of Gaithersburg's recycling program or to request a free recycling bin, please visit the City website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recycling or call the Department of Public Works at 301-258-6370.

For many kids, summer is their favorite time of year

The weather is warm, the sun is out and the possibilities are endless. Help plan a safe and happy summer, no matter the activity you decide to do.

Pedestrian Traffic

As a driver, be mindful of pedestrians and bicyclists before entering or existing a driveway or street. As a pedestrian or bicyclists, stay alert to traffic and activity around you. Put your cell phone away, take out your earbuds so you can hear, and always wear bright, visible and/or reflective clothing. And please remember to wear your bicycle helmets. Children are 14 times more likely to survive a bike crash when wearing helmets.

Safety Around Water

With rising temperatures comes the need to cool off, and we often head to the water to do it. Whether it's the beach, pool or a splash pad; don't underestimate the potential danger in water. It's advisable to keep your child in a manageable level of water for their abilities.

Dehydration

This can happen as a result of sunstroke but kids can also become dehydrated even if they are staying in the shade. Send them out with a water bottle and stress the importance of drinking all of it.

Woodland Hills Bulk Recycling Dates

June 4 ~ July 2
August 6 ~ September 3
October 1 ~ November 5
December 3 ~ January 7

Have a new neighbor? Let us know

If you have a new neighbor move into your corner of the community, please let us know. We'd like to welcome them with a helpful information packet about life and activities in Woodland Hills and many of the various services made available by the City of Gaithersburg.

E-mail PM.assistant@communityassn.com with new neighbor name and address information. We'll be sure to drop by to welcome them to the community.

City regulates Woodland Hills home leases

Woodland Hills homeowners are reminded that the City of Gaithersburg requires all landlords and rental properties to be licensed with the City. Also, City Code strictly regulates occupancy levels.

Woodland Hills governing documents also maintain that absentee homeowners must lease their homes as ***one unit only***, covered under one lease and submit a copy of the lease to the property manager.

Community Yard Sale, Saturday, June 1 8 AM– 2 PM



Anything not sold Saturday can be left for bulk recycling in our community on Tuesday, June 4.



Woodland Hills 2019 Pool Opening Party



Saturday, May 25
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm



ALL Residents Are Invited



Let's start Summer 2019 with a splash.
Have a fun time with your family and your community.
Meet and get to know your neighbors.

There will be refreshments, balloons and fun activities for children.

- All residents are welcome, even those holding architectural violations.
- Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



There is limited parking in our neighborhood so the Woodland Hills Board of Directors (Board) is asking that each person be a responsible and considerate neighbor by following these few simple rules



Each home in Woodland Hills was built with 1.9 parking spaces per home. This number includes driveways and garages.

The Board has considered assigned parking several times in the past and the community members have rejected the idea of “reserved parking.” No additional parking can be built on site. Therefore, parking remains on a first-come, first-served basis. In order for all community members to be safe and have equal access to parking, the Board is reminding community members of the following guidelines:

- ✓ **The parking space in front of your house does not belong to you.**
- ✓ **Excess vehicles (more than two) should be parked in overflow areas and not in front of other homes** – There is ample overflow parking near the pool house and across from homes on Wake Forest Drive.
- ✓ **Do not park behind other vehicles – this is extremely DANGEROUS and illegal. Our streets are not wide enough to accommodate parking behind other vehicles. It does not allow for emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances – keep in mind it may be your loved one or your home that requires services that cannot be provided due to these parking practices. Also, leaving vehicles parked on City streets may result in ticketing and towing by the police.**
- ✓ **Park between the lines** – parking too close or over the line makes it difficult for others to get in and out of their cars or may render the adjacent parking space unusable. Your car may be the one damaged by this behavior, and it is particularly difficult to get handicapped people in and out of vehicles.
- ✓ **Parking and Driving is only allowed on the asphalt drives** – It is expensive to repair the grounds damaged by people driving on the grassy areas or pathways. In the end, everyone pays for your lack of courtesy. Your assessments are used to pay for repairs.
- ✓ **Commercial Vehicles** – Commercial vehicles are not allowed in Woodland Hills.
- ✓ **Vehicle Storage** – A vehicle is considered stored if left in the same spot without leaving the community for 14 days. The vehicle must actually leave the community in order to demonstrate that it is an operable vehicle. Storing a vehicle takes one more parking space away from someone else.
- ✓ **Please work with your neighbors – Communicate with your neighbors; be mindful of their needs and work out an amicable parking plan so that each resident’s needs can be accommodated.**
- ✓ **Parking is neither reserved nor assigned, except for reserved handicapped parking. Parking for all others is available on a first-come, first-served basis. By placing a chair, trash can or flower pot in an open parking space, you are impeding the rights of other residents to utilize the space.**
- ✓ **Driveways** – If you have a driveway, utilize it as a courtesy to your neighbors. If you use a space outside your drive, you are decreasing the number of available parking spaces.
- ✓ **Snow** – If someone has dug out or cleared a parking space, please be courteous and clear your own space.



Woodland Hills Grants and Recognition

Woodland Hills received a \$2,000 grant from the City of Gaithersburg's Frederick J. Felton Neighborhood Matching Grant Program and \$2,970 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust through The Muddy Branch Alliance--\$1,048 for signage and \$1,922 for plants. The grants helped with the cost of native plants and installation--790 perennials, 44 shrubs and 25 trees.

The Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee, of the MD Association of District Forestry Boards in partnership with the MD Department of Natural Resources, Forest Service presented Woodland Hills HOA with the Gold People Loving and Nurturing Trees Award for 2017. The Gold Award is for development programs that are pursuing activities in addition to lower level awards; with events and a Community Forestry Program (i.e. Greening Committee) with the intent to improve the overall health of their trees and forests.



Lamir Landscaping Private Mowing for Residents

At the last Board meeting, a Woodland Hills resident asked if the new landscape company would do private lawns.

After speaking with John Lamir of Lamir Landscaping, he is happy to arrange private mowing for residents.

E-mail him for a price at John-Lamir@hotmail.com. It is important that you contact him directly rather than speaking to the workers on site so that he can schedule your service and get billing information.

We hope that this service will help some of our residents.



Woodland Hills was one of the four stops on the Lands Green Waters Clean Butterfly and Bay Friendly Garden Tour on October 6 sponsored by The Muddy Branch Alliance and the City of Gaithersburg. Attendees to this site got to see monarchs in the chrysalis and caterpillar stages.

Monarch butterfly population up 144%: The population of monarch butterflies wintering in central Mexico is up 144 percent over last year, experts said. Researchers found the butterflies occupying 14.95 acres of forest in Michoacan and Mexico states. That's an increase from 6.12 acres a year ago. The national data was cheered, but experts warned that it doesn't mean that butterflies that migrate from Canada and the United States are out of danger.

Source: news services, Wash. Post 1/31/19

Doorbell cameras and pet owner surveillance

Doorbell camera technology may identify errant pet owners.

Homeowners are utilizing new doorbell camera technology to monitor parcel deliveries and otherwise help provide home security. Interestingly, they may also serve to identify irresponsible pet owners who do not clean up after their pets. Pet owners beware ... big brother may be watching. Should you choose to install a doorbell camera, please remember that any exterior change must first be approved by the Architectural Review Committee.

For residents who do observe pet owners who are not cleaning up after their pets, please contact the City of Gaithersburg, Animal Control Office and report the offense. The Animal Control Officer will investigate and reach out to irresponsible pet owners. Offenses may result in a fine. You may also report pets that are left unattended or creating a barking nuisance.

Contact Animal Control at 301-258-6343 or e-mail <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/services/animal-control>.

Neighborhood Watch Reminders and TIPS Simple security measures every Woodland Hills resident can and should take

- ✓ Be sure to keep your homes and vehicles locked and secure any valuables out of sight.
- ✓ Leave your home's outside lights illuminated through the night
- ✓ Report street light problems to George Hernandez at georgehernandez3@gmail.com

Pilera ... a web portal that allows you access to your account HOA information, receive more important information from your community, pay your bill and much more. How do you sign up?

- visit www.CommunityAssn.com and register as a community member.
- REQUEST LOGIN
- SUBMIT LOGIN REQUEST
- You will receive a welcome email from nonreply pilera.com. Click on orange start button to create a password and begin access



Like us on Facebook

Find us at Woodland Hills Gaithersburg Home Owners for pictures, events and news. Email katecourville@gmail.com if you would like to help manage the association's account.



Nextdoor App available

Nextdoor is a free social networking service that allows users to connect with others in their own or nearby communities. However, please keep in mind that the Woodland Hills Nextdoor App will include fairly far-reaching communities in the Gaithersburg / Montgomery Village area and may contain postings that have nothing to do with Woodland Hills.

Keep up to date! Join the Listserv

In order to quickly disseminate news or information on items affecting our community, we provide a community listserv program.

Please subscribe to the Woodland Hills listserv by accessing our web page ...

www.WoodlandHillsMD.com

and click on the "News" button. A link is provided directly to the subscription page for the listserv. Forms, minutes, governing documents and contact information also can be found on the Woodland Hills web site.

Important Community Numbers

Gaithersburg City

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| Animal Control | 301-258-6343 |
| Neighborhood Services | 301-258-6340 |
| Planning & Code | 301-258.6330 |
| Police Station | 301-258-6400 |
| Police-Community Services Office | 301-258-6168 |
| Public Works | 301-258-6370 |

Montgomery County and other services

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| Montgomery County Police Gaithersburg/ Montgomery Village | 301-773-5700 |
| PEPCO | 202-872-3432 |

Montgomery County Public Schools

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| Watkins Mill Elementary | 301-840-7181 |
| Montgomery Village Middle | 301-840-4660 |
| Watkins Mill High | 301-284-4400 |